



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Sadaaki HIRAI

Group Art Unit: 1709

Application No.: 10/526,434

Examiner: D. LIAO

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For: HONEYCOMB CATALYST CARRIER AND METHOD FOR PRODUCTION
THEREOF

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTS

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the October 2, 2007 Restriction and Election of Species Requirements,
Applicant provisionally elects Group II, claims 34, with traverse.

Applicant also provisionally elects Species (d)(2). Claim 34 reads on this species.

It is also respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims and species is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one Group of claims and species would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims and species. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Thus, withdrawal of the Restriction and Election of Species Requirements is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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